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(SBU) Acting Charge d'Affaires, a.i., Judith Semilota delivered points on the Human Rights Council (HRC) contained in reftels A and B to acting Foreign Minister of Foreign Affairs, James Burty David.

Regarding countries' taking a pledge to support other candidates who have good Human Rights reports, he stated that he would bring the issue to cabinet and brief the Prime Minister on April 14. He stated the GOM strongly supports human rights and expects the GOM will take the pledge. He referred to the announcement this week of its candidature to the HRC and he stated the GOM would not support countries that abused human rights or countries with UNSC sanctions against placed upon them for terrorism sponsorship.

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